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**VIRGINIA VAGABONDS
EMPORIA, VIRGINIA
CITY OF EMPORIA
JANUARY 5 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2022
5/10 KILOMETERS**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Find the LOVE

Mayflower - Meherrin River

Virginia City Program - City of Emporia

Walking with America's Veterans - Veterans Memorial Park

Walking the USA - A-Z - Emporia

Walk Registration:

Please use the online start box provided by the American Volkssport Association website (my.ava.org). The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods. The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account and select the "Maps /Finish" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may later choose to print out.

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START POINT: Parking lot for Veterans Memorial Park.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

FROM THE EAST: Take US 58 West to Emporia. Turn left on Business 58 West for 1.5 miles. Turn left on North Main Street (US 301 Business South). At the second light, turn left into the parking lot for Veterans Memorial Park (Battery Avenue to the right). GPS: N36° 41.2833', W077° 32.416'

FROM I-95 North or South, take exit 11A (US 58, Emporia, Norfolk). Turn right on US 58 East. Follow US 58 Business East to US 301 Business South. Turn right on US 301 Business South (Main Street). At the second traffic light, turn left into the parking lot for Veterans Memorial Park (Battery Avenue to the right). GPS: N36° 41.2833', W077° 32.416'

RESTROOMS:

Restrooms are not available along the trail, so be sure you stop on the way in.

Historical Information:

Emporia is an independent city located within the confines of Greensville County, Virginia. The Town of Hicksford (also sometimes called Hick's Ford) was settled in 1710 in the Virginia Colony, where the Fort Road of eastern Virginia crossed the Meherrin River en route to Fort Christanna. After statehood, the Town of Belfield was established in 1798 on the north bank of the river. The two Greensville County towns merged in 1887 to form the new incorporated town of Emporia, which was named after the town of

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Emporia, Kansas. The Town Emporia was re-chartered by the Virginia General Assembly as an independent city in 1967. Emporia has long been a transportation crossroads. Currently, a major north-south railroad line of CSX Transportation crosses with an east-west line of Norfolk Southern. U.S. Route 58 crosses east-west and Interstate 95 and U.S. Route 301 cross north-south.



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10-KILOMETER DIRECTIONS:

1. Leave the parking lot and walk to South Main Street.

2. Turn right on South Main Street.

LOVE sign is on the left just past the Post Office and just before the Farmer's Market.

3. Cross the bridge over the Meherrin River (Mayflower). Name of road changes to North Main Street.

4. At the first traffic signal, turn right on Virginia Avenue - no sign.

5. At the end of Virginia Avenue, turn left on Halifax Street and walk two blocks.

6. Turn left on Baker Street . **1 km**

7. At the stop sign (T-intersection), turn right on North Main Street.

8. At the first traffic signal, turn right on East Atlantic Street (no

sign) and walk past Cain's Barber Shop on the right.

The white building at 125 East Atlantic Avenue on the left is the H. T. Klugel Architectural Sheet Metal Work Building. It was built in 1914, and is a one-story, five bay wide, brick structure with stepped parapets on the sides. The front facade is sheathed in decorative silver and black painted worked sheet metal in an Edwardian Classicism style. It features large rounded arches with a fan tracery filling the top of the arch. It also has a balustrade with pedestals capped by onion domes that top the east and west bays.

9. After crossing the railroad track, turn right at the second street (Center Street - sign on the left). **2 km**

10. Walk three blocks and turn left on Cleveland Avenue.

11. At the stop sign, cross and turn right on Lee Street.

12. Just past High Street, turn right on Hicksford Street.

13. Cross the bridge over the Meherrin River and continue

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street. **3 km at the start of the sidewalk on the right**

14. At the traffic signal, turn left on South Main Street.

The Old Merchants and Farmers Bank building is located on the right at 419 South Main Street. Old Merchants and Farmers Bank Building, also known as the Old Public Library, is a historic bank building located at Emporia, Virginia. It was built in 1902, and is a one-story, eclectic, red and yellow brick structure with a concave mansard roof. The front facade features a galvanized sheet-metal cornice that may have been manufactured by H. T. Klugel. The bank occupied the building until 1914, after which it housed the public library until 1977. It is currently occupied by the Greenville-Emporia Historical Museum.

Masonic Temple is on the left at the sign for "Early Masonic Lodges."

15. Continue on South Main Street. **4 km at Jefferson Street (sign on the left)**

Note the sign for Village View. It is located on the left down Jefferson Street. Village View, also known as the Mansion House, is a historic home located at Emporia, Virginia. It was built about 1815, and

substantially improved in 1826. It is a two-story, double pile, Federal style frame dwelling. It has a two-story rear ell added in the 20th century. It features a two-story front porch and exterior end chimneys. Village View served as a Confederate headquarters during the American Civil War and was used later by the owners of a boys' academy.

16. At the traffic signal at Lowground Road, turn right and cross Main Street.

17. Continue Straight on Laurel Street.

18. At the stop sign, cross and turn left on Peachtree Street. **5 km at 819 Peachtree Street on the left**

19. At the fireplug at the end of the Greenville County High School parking lot, turn right on South Street (no sign - this is just before the "No Thru Street" sign).

20. Follow the street as it curves right, becoming Temple Avenue (no sign).

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21. At the fourth stop sign (T-intersection), turn left on Jefferson Street.

22. Turn right on West Avenue.

23. At the stop sign (T-intersection), turn right on Brunswick Avenue.

24. Walk one block and turn right on Olive Street.

25. At the stop sign, turn left on Church Street. **7 km at 306 Church Street**

26. Walk one block past the All Way Stop Sign and turn right on Peachtree Street.

27. At the second stop sign, turn right on Laurel Street.

28. Turn right on Tillar Avenue. **8 km at 627 Tillar Avenue on the right**

29. At the stop sign (T-intersection), turn right on Jefferson Street.

30. At the first street, turn left on Ingleside Avenue.

31. At the stop sign (T-intersection), cross and turn left on Brunswick Avenue.

32. Walk one short block and turn right on Farmer Street. **9 km at 306 Farmer Street on the left**

33. At the second stop sign (T-intersection), turn left on Battery Avenue.

34. Walk one block and turn right on Goodwyn Street.

35. Walk on block and turn right on Oak Street (no sign).

36. At the stop sign, turn right on School Street.

37. At the stop sign, turn left on Battery Avenue.

38. At the traffic signal, cross South Main Street and continue straight to return to your car in the parking lot.

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5-KILOMETER

1. Follow 10-kilometer directions 1-13.
2. At the traffic signal, cross and turn left on South Main Street. Information in 10-kilometer direction 14 applies to 5-kilometer.
3. Turn right on Church Street.
- 4 km at Church and Peachtree Street**

DIRECTIONS:

4. At the All Way Stop Sign, turn right on Ingleside.
5. Follow 10-kilometer directions 31 and 32.
6. At the second stop sign (T-intersection), turn right on Battery Avenue.
7. Follow 10-kilometer direction

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5-KILOMETER MAP:

